

**CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE**  
**Service, Safety and Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**February 8, 2023**

The Service, Safety and Recreation Committee met in the Council Chambers, located at 105 N. Main Street, on Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 pm. Mr. Ted Hawk presided and those in attendance were: Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, Council Member, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Council Member, Mr. Jim Chrisman, Council Member, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Council Member, Mr. Dale Lynch, Council Chairperson, Mr. Jeff Funari, Police Chief, Mr. Tim Downing, Fire Chief, Mr. Jody Langley, Assistant Fire Chief, Mr. Ron Sockman, Service Director, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager, Mr. Shawn Remington, and other representatives of the Triangle Trail Group.

1. The Committee benefited from a general report of the Washington Fire Department. Chief Downing reported that the truck purchase was progressing.
2. Chief Downing noted that he and the Assistant Fire Chief had attended a two day learning seminar. Chief Downing continued and noted that his staff along with the Police Chief would be completing an upcoming NIMS (National Incident Management System) training course.
3. Chief Downing noted that applications were being accepted for the Administrative Assistant position.
4. The Committee benefited from a general report of the Washington Police Department.
5. Chief Funari noted that applications were being accepted for two open patrol positions. Chief Funari noted that an assertive effort would be made to actively recruit more candidates for the position.
6. The Committee benefited from an update regarding the reconciliation progress.
7. The Administration advised the Committee that invitations had been emailed regarding the Honda groundbreaking event.
8. The Committee benefited from a review of economic census statistics.
9. The Committee benefited a general report of the Washington Service Department. Mr. Chrisman and Ms. Hernandez had moved that the Administration be granted permission to bid for the street and alley paving project. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed with the Paving List Summary as provided, noting that it was subject to change if a condition arises.
10. The Committee noted the hiring of Ms. Katie Kasberg at the Water Plant.

11. The Administration advised the Committee of the status of the Court Street Paving and Railroad Crossing project. The Administration noted the benefits of the precast concrete crossings over traditional rail crossing construction. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed with the replacement of railroad crossing on Court Street with the upgraded railroad crossing.
12. The Administration noted an inquiry from a citizen regarding a sound barrier along State Route 35.
13. The Committee benefited from an update regarding the bike trail. The Committee noted that the trail survey was almost complete and that bids would be requested for the location.
14. Mr. Hawk requested that the Committee have an Executive Session. Mr. Johnson moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Ted Hawk- Chairperson, Service, Safety and Recreation Committee

Mr. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary